

In the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings includes formalized versions of Figs. 1-13. These sheets replaces the original sheets. Figs. 1-13 have been replaced in order to provide drawings with improved legibility.

Attachment: Replacement Drawing Sheets

REMARKS

Claims **1, 2** and **6-27** are pending in the application.

Claims **1, 2** and **6-27** stand rejected.

Claims **1, 10, 18** and **27** stand objected to.

Claims **1, 6-8, 10, 14-18** and **24-27** have been amended.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because the text of Figures 8-13 was illegible. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) accompany this submission.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 10, 18 and 27 stand objected to for various posited informalities. Applicants have amended these claims to address the Examiner's concerns, and so respectfully submit that the objections raised in the Office Action are overcome thereby.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 6-8, 14, 16, 17, 24, 25 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicants have amended these claims to address the Examiner's concerns, and so respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 6-8, 14, 16, 17, 24, 25 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is overcome thereby.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5094.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicants hereby petition for such extensions. Applicants also hereby authorize that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to Deposit Account 502306.

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